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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE

Dr. Douglas J. Steding Graham & Dunn PC 2801 Alaskan Way, Suite 300 Seattle, WA 98121

RE: Response to Freedom of Information Request: EPA-HQ-2014-004120

Dear Dr. Steding:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated March 3, 2014 requesting a file related to the indictment of Richard C. Woeck, Peter F. Woeck II, Lloyd Anderson, Frank Brady, and Marine Power & Equipment in the Western District Court of Western Washington, Case No. CR86-1285, filed May 8, 1986. The Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training has conducted a records search and has no documents responsive to your request.

Please be advised that EPA's criminal investigation records are destroyed 15 years after the case is closed in accordance with the agency's records control schedule, unless the records are subject to a litigation "hold" or other preservation order. The records you have requested concern an investigation that was closed in 1987.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist

If you are not satisfied with my action on this request, you may submit a written appeal to the National Freedom of Information Officer, FOIA and Privacy Branch (2822T), United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), or by fax: (202) 566-2147, or by email: https://doi.org/10.2046/nd.10.2046/nd

Your appeal must be in writing and submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should clearly identify the determination being appealed including the assigned FOIA request number shown above. For quickest possible handling, both the appeal letter and its envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Should you have additional questions regarding this response, please contact Isabelle Pettiford of my staff via e-mail at pettiford.isabelle@epa.gov or by telephone at (202) 564-7396.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Seaton Acting Director

Legal Counsel Division

Criminal Enforcement, Forensics & Training

cc: National Freedom of Information Officer FOIA and Privacy Branch (2822T)